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Dear

The League of Women Voters of the Space Coast is writing to express opposition to the request for FLDEP to assume the responsibility for dredge and fill permits in Florida's wetlands. This is currently a responsibility of the US Army Corps of Engineers and is considered a federal project. As such, the permitting process is subject to an EIS (Environmental Impact Study) submitted to the NEPA, a review of possible impact to endangered species by the US FWC, and consultation with the Secretary of Commerce on possible impact for essential fish habitat. It is not clear how Florida plans to implement this program without increased personnel and financial resources.

We are concerned that this plan will place Florida's remaining intact wetland ecosystem at risk. The projected increase of Florida's population to 33.7 million by 2070 and the development that will accompany this increase will place further stress on wetlands. In our view the protection and restoration of Florida's precious wetlands is better accomplished by keeping the current system that involves both state and federal agencies.

Sincerely,

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